

Appn. No. 10/557,107
Amendment dated May 29, 2009
Reply to Office Action of March 5, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The March 5, 2009 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, an interview was conducted with Examiners Munsoon Choo and Nick Corsaro, the claims are amended, and remarks are set forth below in a sincere effort to place the present application in form for allowance. The amendments are supported by the application as originally filed. Therefore, no new matter is added.

INTERVIEW

The courtesy of Examiners Choo and Corsaro in granting a personal interview in connection with this application is acknowledged and appreciated. The interview took place on May 7, 2009. Present at the interview were Examiners Choo and Corsaro, Applicants' attorney, Robert Michal, and a representative of the Licensee, Sami Saru. During the interview, the present claimed invention was discussed. In addition, distinctions between the present invention and the references of record were pointed out to the Examiners. Proposed amendments to the claims were discussed and the Examiners indicated that the proposed amendments appear to define over the prior art of record.

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DRAWINGS

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to because the Examiner is of the opinion that reference numeral 304 in Fig. 3 is inconsistent with paragraph 0027.

In response, the Examiner is respectfully advised that Fig. 3 is in fact correct and the corresponding written description, which is an English translation of the original Dutch application, includes a translation error which caused the inconsistency with Fig. 3. Therefore, the Detailed Description is amended in a sincere effort to overcome the objection.

In view of the amendment of the Detailed Description, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102

In the Office Action claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by an International Patent Publication No. WO 02/054803 to Kanerva ("Kanerva").

In response, claim 1 is amended along the lines discussed with the Examiner during May 7, 2009 interview. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to more clearly define the communication as comprising a header including sender address information and

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receiver address information, and message content which includes a user inserted code wherein a message is added to the communication based upon the user inserted code. None of the references of record disclose, teach or suggest, when taken either alone or in combination, the invention as now defined by amended claim 1. In view of foregoing, claim 1 is in form for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Claim 4 is amended to more clearly recite the user inserted code in the received communication.

Claims 2-7 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and are patentable over the cited references in view of their dependence on claim 1 and because the references do not disclose, teach or suggest each of the limitations set forth in claims 2-7.

Claim 8 is an apparatus claim and is amended in a manner similar to the amendments made to method claim 1. Claim 8 is patentable over all of the references of record for reasons, inter alia, set forth above in connection with claim 1.

Claim 2 is amended to change "meet" to -- meets -- to correct a grammatical error.

In view of all of the foregoing, claims 1-8 are in form for immediate allowance, of which action is earnestly solicited.

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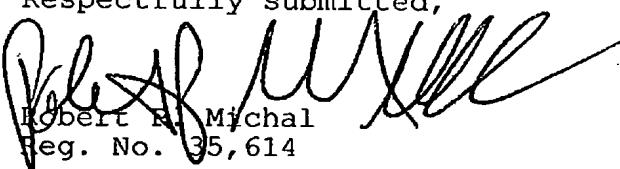
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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to point out where there is support for a contrary view.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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